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Narrative Justification StatementA. Statement of Objectives

The Geographic Research activity consists of: (a) program formulation, direction, and supervision for the Geographic Area and the coordination of geographic and map intelligence research and production within the USIB structure

production of mapping intelligence, including coordination and preparation of contributions to NIS Chapters I and IX; (c) cartographic and charting support to all components of the CIA and Department of State, and other appropriate intelligence agencies; (d) provision of full library reference service for maps, photomosaics, target charts, and map materials; and (e) coordination and staff support of an inter-agency foreign map and mapping photography procurement program.

B. Accomplishments During Fiscal Year 1959

1. Approximately 140 geographic intelligence reports and other substantive intelligence items were produced in FY 1959 -- approximately the same as the previous year.

2. For the fourth consecutive year, all NIS commitments were met. This includes the production of 12 Annuals in contrast to two published in FY 1958.

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3. During FY 1959, 1433 maps, charts, graphs and other cartographic items were produced as, or in support of, finished intelligence. An additional 547 maps were checked and processed through reproduction by the NIS Map Coordinator. Total production in the Cartography Division represented an increase in items processed of more than 16% over FY 1958.

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schedules for NIS contributions were met or exceeded. The contract with the [redacted]

[redacted] was monitored and its production has been essentially on schedule during the year.

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6. Demand continued from the intelligence and mapping communities for information on, and the products of, aerial photography and mapping

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7. An additional 36,000 map sheets and 2,700 related publications were processed and added to the Agency holdings. This was a slight increase over the previous year, due in part to the further review of books and publications for maps worthy of inclusion in the collection.

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8. Requests for map reference services of all types totaled 24,029 -- an increase of 20% over the requests of the previous year. Of this total, 16,450 requests were for maps; the remainder were for target charts, photomosaics, atlases, gazetteers, guide books, place names, and cartographic information.

C. Future Plans

Fiscal Year 1960

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Trends in
FY 1959 indicate that more research effort will be required on the
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Emphasis on the polar areas and trans-Saharan Africa will be maintained. Continued support will be given to special Agency projects, including current intelligence and estimates programs, and to the intelligence research of other USIB agencies. The NIS program will require about the same level of augmented support throughout FY 1960 as was given it during FY 1959.

2. Production of maps, charts, and other cartographic items will probably remain at a level comparable to that for FY 1959. Some re-adjustment of consumer demands within the over-all total will result in an anticipated increase [redacted]

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2. No significant change is anticipated in the requirements for the production of maps, charts, and graphs

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Special efforts will be made to apply improved cartographic techniques and procedures as they become available through research and experimentation.

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1. GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH COMPLETED AND IN PROGRESS, July 1958 - June 1959
2. D/GC FY 1959 Statistical Statement (FY 1961 Budget)

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